UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

JUNE

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 1/8/65

FROM : J. A. Sizoo

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

New York called today and advised that King, Bernard Lee, and Andrew Young registered at the Park Sheraton Hotel and were assigned Room 2541 and 2543. SAC Roney advised that the New York Office had for monitoring purposes the availability of Rooms 2439 and 2441.

In view of the nature of the discussion which King was scheduled to have in New York with Clarence Jones and Harry Wachtel, it was felt the results of the discussion would contain considerable intelligence information. New York said that through other information which they have developed, it appears the meeting will actually be held in Wachtel's office, but New York still strongly recommended use of microphone coverage in the rooms occupied by King's party as the results of the meeting in Wachtel's office would later be discussed in the hotel rooms.

In view of King's continued contact with Clarence Jones, who is King's conduit for contact with communist Stanley Levison and in view of other activities of King, it is considered highly desirable that New York place microphone coverage on these rooms if this can be done with full security. Roney assured me full security would be available and that the individuals involved will be under physical surveillance so the microphone installation could be made during the conference in Wachtel's office. New York contemplated use of [redacted] and which instruments can be installed with full security.

ACTION:

Under the circumstances, I authorized New York to go ahead with the installation provided it could be done with full security.

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1-Mr. Belmont; 1-Mr. Sullivan
1-Mr. Baumgardner; 1-Mr. Bland;
1-Mr. Donohue; 1-Mr. Phillips;
1-Mr. Sizoo

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